

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 9, 1996**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, as amended by the Provo River Distribution System, and due notice having been given to all members, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution system convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 1996 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: J. Edwin Ure, Chairman

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Carl H. Carpenter
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer
Daryl Devey

Representing:

Group 1 - Kamas Valley Canals
Group 2 - Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Group 3 - Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 - Provo City Canals
Group 5 - East Provo Canals
Group 6 - Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 - Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 10 - Central Utah Water
Conservancy District

Others Present:

Stanley H. Roberts, Jr.
Keith Denos
Jeff Bryant

Provo River Commissioner
Provo River Water Users Association
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 11, 1995.

It was noted the word "accept" on page four of the minutes should be changed to read "approve."

A motion to approve the minutes with the above correction was made by Director Carpenter. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner, and it carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Director Giles moved that the rules be suspended and that the same officers be retained. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.

1995 Financial Reports and Delinquent Accounts

Commissioner Roberts reviewed the 1995 financial reports. It was noted that expenditures totaled \$97,428.15 against a budget of \$101,000.00. The balance in the Distribution Trust Fund at 12/31/95 was \$27,015.18.

The delinquent account list was reviewed. Commissioner Roberts indicated several of the accounts had been paid after the list was printed, bringing the delinquent amount down to about \$2,300.00. Commissioner Roberts was instructed to continue working on collection of the delinquent amounts.

Director Jones made the motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.

A motion was also made by Director Devey to use the State Budget Format in the future. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report - 1995 Operation

Deputy Commissioner Giles' report:

SUMMARY FOR THE 1995 IRRIGATION SEASON

The winter of 1994-1995 was above normal as far as the snow pack at the head of the Provo River. According to the Soil Conservation Service, there was more than forty inches of water at the Trial Lake snow course. All the reservoirs at the head of the Provo filled. Washington, Star and Lost Lake water was stored in the Jordanelle Reservoir.

The run-off in the spring was normal and on the first of June, there were still 30+ inches of water on the Trial Lake snow course. The river had high water throughout July. In the upper valleys we started drawing reservoir water for irrigation purposes on the first day of August. The river ran 100% of first class rights the entire irrigation season. Due to rain through May and into the middle of June, the crops were all above average in the upper valleys. The Duchesne Tunnel ran water the entire summer, which was unusual.

I enjoyed the cooperation of all parties concerned during the 1995 water year; Commissioner Roberts, the State Engineer's Office, and Central Utah people. Also, I appreciated the Provo River Water Users for their help with rock dams in the river to get water out into the various laterals and canals. Last but not least, all the water users along the river.

It was most enjoyable to have a good water year after several drought years.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1995

Several things occurred to make this year on the Provo River stand out. Deer Creek Reservoir remained full until July 25th because of unusual flows in the Provo River. (Even during the flood year of 1983, it only remained full until July 8th.) Filling criteria for Jordanelle Reservoir prevented it from taking all of the excess water. Consequently, an extensive amount flowed into Utah Lake.

To help ease flooding on the Duchesne River, 5,600 acre feet was brought through the tunnel and stored in Jordanelle Reservoir. Jordanelle topped out at elevation 6,130 holding 216, 163 acre feet. Deer Creek Reservoir was declared full on June 2nd and physically filled June 18th. Secondary water was available the full year. Because April and May were wet months, most irrigation did not start until June.

Construction to rebuild the dam on Lost Lake was begun and Washington Dam was completed. Water from some of these upper lakes was stored in Jordanelle and negotiations have been completed to move most of the remaining rights from these lakes to Jordanelle.

The Olmsted Diversion Dam in Provo Canyon was completed and put to use by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Some repairs were also completed on the Weber-Provo Canal.

In the Heber Valley, a new gauging station was installed on the river by the lower Midway bridge. This station will be helpful in transporting water from Jordanelle Reservoir to Deer Creek Reservoir.

A study of water lost from the river while traversing through Heber Valley was initiated. Along with this, several weirs were rated and new rating tables were completed for them. This will be an ongoing project. Also, to better reflect natural river flows, a three day average was adopted for the contents of Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoirs.

As a result of a discussion in last year's annual meeting, some members of the board met with representatives from the State Engineer's Office to review the assessment procedure presently in use. After some study, it was the consensus of the group to continue using the present method with some modifications.

We note the death this past summer of Jack Gardner. He had faithfully served as secretary to the Board for many years. His knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed.

Appreciation is extended to the State Engineer's Office, Dr. Robert Hill of the Utah State Extension Service, and water users on the system, for their help in managing the river this year.

The following were other subjects covered by Commissioner Roberts:

JORDANELLE

- A. Heber Valley water users concerns were:
 - 1. Diminished underground water
 - 2. Credit not given for springs in reservoir area due to pressure on them.
- B. A meeting was held with the State Engineer and all concerned. There was a discussion of well observations and lack of some data. A follow up meeting was held at Jordanelle. Evidence was not conclusive.
- C. CUP said it would address the problem in another dry year pending further study.
- D. Presently all water passing through Jordanelle Dam to take 4 percent loss.

FISH FLOWS

- A. Minimum flows between Jordanelle and Deer Creek

Presently 20 cfs measured at Upper Midway Bridge is required and has been met all the time this year. There were no fish kills. When Jordanelle is operational, the flow will be 125 cfs. There was concern expressed by a report of the Wasatch Wave about a section of dry river below Vallejo turnout. The Fish and Wildlife office was contacted. Representatives of that office expressed satisfaction with the present system.

- B. June Sucker

Everyone cooperated in putting a plan in place. Due to high flows, it was not possible to follow the plan so the plan was changed and the problems worked through. Some water was held back in the reservoirs to reduce flows and allow for capture. Additional water had to be diverted to Jordan River to get flows low enough. Stormy weather complicated matters. Some fish were caught, but not as many as wanted. Water was later released to keep flows up.

REMOTE READOUTS

With the help of Daryl Devey of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the following stations have been installed and are now operating.

- A. Weber-Provo Canal - Some recent problems have occurred and we are working to solve them.

- B. Upper Midway Bridge
 - 1. USGS rated this site and made a new rating table.
 - 2. There were some problems while the contractor was putting pipe across the river. Provo River Water Users Association helped us work on the still well. It seems to be working okay now.
- C. Provo River above Deer Creek
We were able to use this site jointly with USGS. There have been some problems with vandalism.
- D. Scada System to go in place in 1996.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's & Commissioner's reports as presented was made by Director VanWagoner, seconded by Director Rollins. It carried unanimously.

The Deputy Commissioner trainee job was discussed. A motion was made by Director Carpenter to eliminate the job. The motion was seconded by Director Jones. Director Giles abstained.

The revised assessment procedure was very briefly discussed. Director VanWagoner made the motion to table the discussion on the assessment procedure to the January 11, 1996 meeting with the State Engineer's representatives. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Nomination of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for 1996

A motion was made by Director Jones to recommend to the State Engineer that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. be retained as Provo River Commissioner for 1996. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.

After Commissioner Roberts recommended Sherman Giles be retained as Deputy Commissioner, Director Devey made the motion to accept this recommendation. Director VanWagoner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

1996 Budget

Each line item in the budget was reviewed and the following adjustments were made:

- 1. Increase Commissioner's and Deputy Commissioner's salary 4% for 1996. Increase Social Security and retirement contributions in accordance with the salary increase.
- 2. Decrease bonding expense \$100.00.

3. Increase health insurance premiums \$1,200.00.
4. Increase committee expense \$1,100.00.
5. Decrease miscellaneous expense \$210.00.

With these changes, the 1996 budget was set at \$106,000.00, or an increase of \$5,000.00 over the 1995 budget. Director Jones made the motion to accept the budget with the specified changes. Director Carpenter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Also discussed in conjunction with the budget were the annual reports for 1985, 1986, 1988, and 1990, which have not been completed. Each year \$1,600.00 is budgeted for the completion of the reports, but thus far nothing has been done. The Board instructed Commissioner Roberts to have these reports completed by the end of 1996, and have them available for distribution at the next annual meeting in January, 1997.

Other Business

Nothing was discussed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 12:15 p.m. by Director Carpenter, seconded by Director Brown. The motion carried unanimously.